BARRAGE BALLOON ASCENDS AT CAMP DAVIS, N. C.

The Barrage Balloon Training Center and School, first institution of its kind in the U. S. Army, was organized at Camp Davis in May, 1941. Authorized strength of the B. B. T. C. is 2,500 officers and men. In addition to the B. B. T. C., Camp Davis has seven coast artillery regiments totaling 18,000 men.

Shown here is one of the barrage balloons. It is 85 feet long, 28 feet wide, can be inflated with either helium gas or hydrogen. Barrage balloons are designed to force enemy aircraft above effective bombing range, have been used successfully in England.

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